IN THE CLAIMS:

11. (Currently Amended) An information carrier, comprising:

a substrate;

tracks on the substrate carrying real-time information and playback parameters related thereto, the real-time information being represented by units having a variable amount of compressed data, the playback parameters include an access list having entries, each subsequent entry being assigned to a subsequent interval of a fixed playback time and containing a pointer to a unit for playing in the interval,

wherein the playback parameters include a length parameter indicative of the fixed playback time and/or a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval.

12. (Currently Amended) The information carrier of claim 5, wherein ~~the playback parameters include a length parameter indicative of the fixed playback time and/or a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval~~at least one of the entries comprises access flags including either a pointer to further access information within the respective interval or the margin parameter.

13. (Currently Amended) A player comprising:

reading means for retrieving from an information carrier real-time information and playback parameters related thereto, the real-time information being represented by units having a variable amount of compressed data, the playback parameters include an access list having entries, each subsequent entry being assigned to a subsequent interval of a fixed playback time and containing a pointer to a unit for playing in the interval, and

processing means for processing the playback parameters, and

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for accessing the real-time information at a selected playback time by processing the access list,

wherein the playback parameters include a length parameter indicative of the fixed playback time and/or a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval.

14. (Previously Presented) The player of claim 13, wherein the processing means calculate a pointer to a unit within an interval by interpolating between pointer values of two adjacent entries.

15. (Currently Amended) The player of claim 1~~3~~4, wherein~~, the playback parameters include a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval, and~~ the processing means correct the calculated pointer by the margin parameter.

16. (Previously Presented) The player of claim 13, wherein the processing means store the access list in a memory.

17. (Currently Amended) The player of claim 13, wherein~~ the playback parameters include a length parameter indicative of the fixed playback time and/or a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval~~ at least one of the entries comprises access flags including either a pointer to further access information within the respective interval or the margin parameter.

18-20. (Cancelled).

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